Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for distributing a viscous liquid over a surface of a substrate, comprising the steps:

- placing a substrate essentially horizontal on a support,
- applying a viscous liquid onto a surface of said substrate,
- rotating the substrate to distribute the liquid radially outwards, and
- conditioning the liquid on the substrate thermally, to influence its viscosity locally by creating a locally selective temperature gradient;

said thermal conditioning being effected by a thermal source of heat or cold placed above the surface of the substrate;

said thermal source comprising a stream of heated or cooled gas, or a source of electromagnetic radiation.

Claims 2-4: (canceled)

5. (original) A method according to claim 4, wherein the source of radiation is a lamp with essentially visible spectra or an IR radiator.

6. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the thermal source comprises at least two sub sources.

7. (original) A method according to claim 6, wherein the sub-sources are directed to different positions with regard to the radius on the substrate.

8. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said substrate is supported on a rotatable support, with dispensing means for said liquid provided above the substrate surface and fastening means for at least one thermal source placed above the substrate.

9. (previously presented) A method according to claim 8, wherein the fastening means comprise a cover, extending over at least a part of the support.

10. (previously presented) A method according to claim 8, wherein the fastening means comprise an arm extending over at least a portion of the support.

11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) A method according to claim 8, wherein the dispensing means are mechanically affixed to the fastening means.

13. (currently amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein the fastening means are movable with respect to substrate and support in order to remove the arm at least during loading and unloading of the substrate.

14. (canceled)